

# VOICE OF THE VINEYARD

“And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.” (Isaiah 42:16)



President Hinckley was in South America on one occasion with some missionaries who were going home from their missions. He said that they were out shopping to buy things to take home—souvenirs—and he thought of the souvenirs that we ought to take home with us from our missions. He listed ten of them:

1. A testimony of the living reality of God, our Eternal Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ.
2. A greatly enlarged understanding of the Gospel.
3. A love for the people among whom you labor.
4. A greater love and appreciation for your parents.
5. An enlarged understanding of the meaning and true worth of personal virtue.
6. Increased poise, the ability to meet people, to converse with them, to talk with them.
7. The courage to act.
8. The faith to do. The faith to try.
9. The humility to pray
10. **An understanding of the meaning of hard work!**

President Hinckley went on to say that “if there is anything that’s needed in this world, it’s more work and you are learning how to work on your missions, to get up every morning, to get out and work in the face of discouragement.” He then said, “the harder you work, the more you love the work. That’s the wonderful thing about missionary service, and this will bless your lives all of your days—this habit of work which you cultivate as a missionary in the field.”

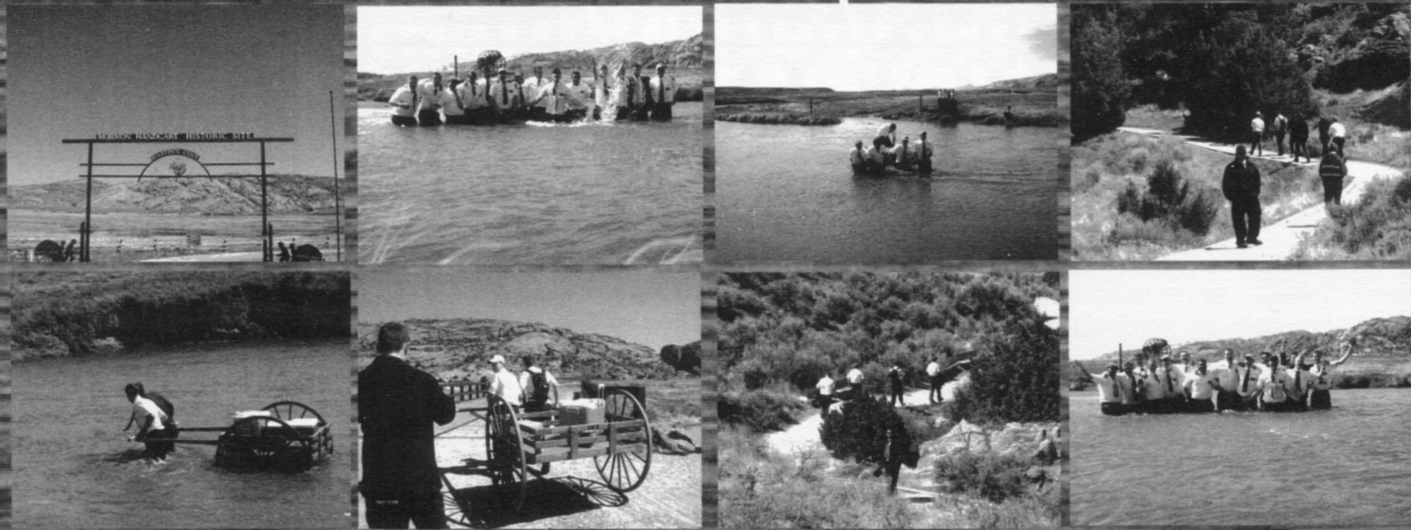
In Preach My Gospel they describe hard work under the section on “diligence”. In that section another Prophet is quoted as saying, “I have often said one of the greatest secrets of missionary work **is work!** If a missionary works, he will get the Spirit; he will touch the hearts of the people and he will be happy. There will be no homesickness, no worrying about families, for all time and talents and interests are centered on the work of the ministry. **Work, work, work—there is no satisfactory substitute, especially in missionary work.**” President Ezra Taft Benson (emphasis added) PMG p.121

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the Lord would say to us as He said to Nephi: “Blessed art thou, Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word, which I have given unto thee, unto this people. And thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life, but hast sought my will, and to keep my commandments.” Helaman 10:4

President Hinckley’s father probably said it best when he told him, “Gordon, forget yourself and go to work.” I pray that each of us may lose ourselves in this magnificent work and find true happiness and joy in the doing.

Love, President Moeller

# Martin's Cove May 1, 2006



## Assistants to the Presidents

We had the opportunity on May 1<sup>st</sup> to visit Martin's Cove with the Wyoming Zone. The members of the Martin Handcart Company gave up all the comforts of home because of their love for the Lord. Their sacrifice and hard work was truly an outward expression of the burning testimonies they had within. Just as it was for the pioneers, the sacrifices we make and effort we put into our missions is in direct proportion to the strength of our testimonies. I'm sure those faithful saints who went on before are rejoicing for the hard work that we're putting in today to keep what they started alive.

It is a great privilege to be serving a mission at this time. After seeing all that the pioneers did, it would be a sin to simply trickle the gospel in tiny droplets to our brothers and sisters when we could become as a great flood, sweeping the earth. Let's baptize them into the Gospel by immersing them in this great flood that no dam can hold back. Oh that we could exercise our faith and strengthen our testimonies to the point that we'd give up everything like the pioneers did to serve The Lord! Let's put our petty worries aside, put our trust in the Lord, and put our shoulders to the wheel.

Love, Elder Haynie, Elder Goeders and Elder Haight



## VEHICLE MESSAGE FROM ELDER NORTON



**March's DVRs:** Congratulations to Granite Zone and Tooele Zone – all DVRs on time with all gas receipts!!!! Wow!! Five months in a row for Tooele Zone. Congratulations again and again!!!!!! Thanks so very much!! Again, on time is to me by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

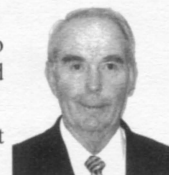
**April's DVRs:** Press time (5 May 06) and it looks like it finally happened!!!! **FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME—EVERY, YES, EVERY DVR WILL BE IN ON TIME!!!!** Hurray! Congratulations! Bravo! Thank You! ¡Gracias! ¡Felicidades! ¡Bien hecho! And, my greatest love and appreciation to you for conquering this great challenge

**Transition to Spring and Summer:** Now is the time to clean out the interior of your vehicle, place the winter mats in the trunk (don't leave the mats in your apartment!!) and begin using your sun shade. You can continue to use the winter mats, if you wish, and that will help keep your vehicle's carpet much cleaner. When you park, face toward the sun if possible, and put the sun shade in place and roll down the back windows ½" to allow for ventilation.

**Wash and Wax your Car:** Please spend an extra hour and wax your vehicle. Your car will stay much cleaner and be a lot easier to wash if it has a good coat of wax. The weather is nice enough that you shouldn't waste money on a commercial car wash. If you need car wash concentrate or car wax, let me know.

**Safety:** Think and pray for safety every day. Be alert to your surroundings and be cautious as you live in your apartment or travel about in the mission.

Love, Elder Norton



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

14 May Elder Strong \*  
16 May Elder Ellis  
17 May Sister Pahulu  
17 May Elder Taylor  
20 May Elder Perez, A.  
21 May Elder Javier  
21 May Elder Kennington  
22 May Sister Welch \*  
23 May Sister Astill \*  
25 May Sister Godfrey

29 May Sister Enkhchimeg  
29 May Elder Honick  
30 May Elder Farley  
30 May Elder Payne  
01 Jun Sister Wessel  
02 Jun Elder Bright  
02 Jun Elder Hiatt  
02 Jun Elder Schmoltd  
03 Jun Elder Tobin  
05 Jun Elder Smith N.

06 Jun Sister Richart  
06 Jun Elder Visser  
07 Jun Elder Witting  
09 Jun Elder Gullett \*  
09 Jun Elder Kim  
10 Jun Elder Mohetau  
11 Jun Elder Thompson  
14 Jun Elder Tellez  
17 Jun Elder Probst  
19 Jun Elder Pacheco

20 Jun Elder Browning  
22 Jun Elder Altuzarra  
23 Jun Elder Chalk  
23 Jun Elder Johnson  
24 Jun Elder Hawke  
25 Jun Elder Clark  
25 Jun Elder Meade  
27 Jun Elder Takau

\* Senior Missionaries

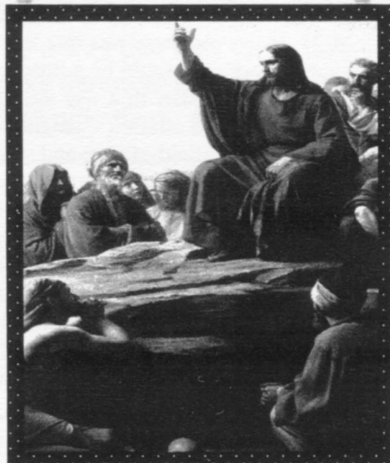


# The Challenge is Counting...

## "Master Teacher"

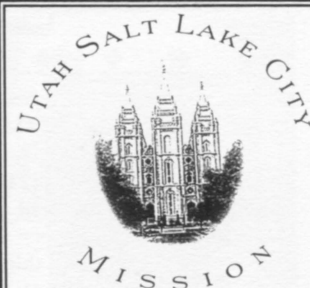


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ONTARIO, CANADA



ELDER HAWKE  
BC, CANADA

For the Utah Salt Lake City Mission 2006



### Mar & April Baptisms:

	Mar	Apr
Granite.....	17.....	13
Helaman.....	20.....	20
Magna.....	11.....	13
Olympus.....	09.....	03
Pioneer.....	32.....	30
Temple.....	12.....	18
Tooele.....	18.....	15
West Valley.....	09.....	18
Wyoming.....	12.....	06

### Mission Totals For:

Apr	136
Mar	140

### CERTIFIED TEACHER

ELDER CLARK  
ELDER LEE  
ELDER MARKER  
ELDER MUÑOZ



### SKILLED TEACHER

ELDER GOEDERS  
ELDER ORBISO  
ELDER PROBST



## Welcome New Missionaries!

"Even before they were born, they, with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men".

D&C 138:56

**INCOMING MAY 10, 2006**

\* Spanish



\*Elder Corona  
Los Angeles,  
California



\*Elder Jardon  
Mt. Pearl,  
Newfoundland

## "SPRING IS BICYCLE TIME"

Now that Spring is finally here, we want to remind you of a few things concerning your bicycles and how you ride them.

### GENERAL RULES

- **SAFETY**—Always wear a helmet. Your helmet should fit snug and level on your head. The chin strap should be snug under your chin and the front of the helmet should not be more than one inch above your eyebrows.
- **RIDE** at least 3 feet from the curb or parked vehicles or debris in curb area and in a straight line. Don't swerve in and out around parked vehicles.
- **ALWAYS** ride in the same direction as traffic.
- **DO NOT** ride on the sidewalks!
- **OBEY ALL** traffic laws!
- **BE PREDICTABLE!** Let other users on the road know where you intend to go and maintain an understood course.
- **NARROW LANES**—Ride in the center of the lane & keep at least 3 feet between yourself and passing or parked traffic.
- **WIDE LANES**—Ride just to the right of the actual traffic line, not alongside the curb. Keep at least 3 feet between yourself and the curb or from parked vehicles. Motorists should be passing you with at least 3 feet of clearance.
- **PROTECTING YOUR BICYCLE**—Always use a good lock when you leave your bicycle. Don't leave bikes in locations where they can be easily accessed by thieves. Put bikes in safe place, such as member's garage or apartment if possible (use plastic on floor) and **always assume** that thieves are watching and don't leave them unlocked even for a "minute".

**IF SOMEONE IN YOUR AREA LOANS YOU A BIKE....  
PLEASE RETURN IT BEFORE YOU LEAVE!!!**

**PLEASE DON'T LEAVE BICYCLES IN APARTMENTS  
WITHOUT LETTING ELDER BRAY KNOW WHO IT  
BELONGS TO AND WHERE IT SHOULD GO!!!**

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP US OUT IN  
THIS MATTER. HAPPY AND SAFE CYCLING!!!**  
Love, The Brays





# Departing Missionaries



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When I was younger, I remember reading the famous story of the 2,000 Stripling Warriors in the Book of Mormon. As I turned the pages that contained the heroes' successes in fighting the war against evil, I had no greater desire than to be out there with them and fight side by side for the cause of righteousness. I love how the scriptures portray their heroic character... "And they were all young men, and they were exceedingly valiant for courage, and also for strength and activity; but behold, this was not all—they were men who were true at all times in whatsoever thing they were entrusted. Yea, they were men of truth and soberness, for they had been taught to keep the commandments of God and to walk uprightly before him." Alma 53:20-21 However, there was one small problem with my desires to be part of this great army of Helaman, the "they were all young men part". It would be a little weird if the scripture read, "they were all young men, except one was a girl..." My dreams of being a soldier in a war against evil, and of fighting with sword and shield, were just a little shattered. Well, my life went on and I eventually went out on a mission – another dream of mine. When I was set apart to be a missionary, the Lord told me in the blessing this, "you are going out into the battlefield of men and women to fight for the Lord and for good." Never did any passage of prayer come with more power to the heart... Okay, well really, those words meant more to me than anyone in the world realized! I knew that the Lord knew my desires and blessed me with the opportunity to be a true soldier in the army of Helaman. They didn't give me a sword and shield when I came out, but as Paul says, I have definitely had my armor on... "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the *shield* of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the *sword* of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" (Eph. 6:14-17, emphasis added) I know that my desires were granted! And I know this battle is over, but definitely not the war. And I will fight continually until the Master comes again and says, "Come unto me, ye blessed, there is a place prepared for you in the mansions of my Father. Amen." (Enos 1:27) is my goal, prayer and desire. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. I love you all! Sister Sariah DeVard



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The opportunity to represent my Lord and Savior in the mission field was the most amazing experience this far in my life. Words cannot express how grateful I am for the precious opportunity I had to serve. There is so much that I learned in my short 9 months that will be with me for the rest of my life. I love the mission with all my heart! I never imagined I would unexpectedly get pulled away from the thing that I love most. Trials come to make us stronger in Christ and ultimately will help us receive the greatest gift of all, eternal life. The mission taught me how to truly become one with Christ. I was taught how to personally apply what Christ teaches when he says, "And if men come unto me I will show unto them their weaknesses. I give unto men weaknesses that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak things become strong unto them." Trials and weakness come as part of our refiner's fire and I have come to know the healing power of Christ. One of the most powerful scriptures to me is found in Alma 7:11-12 when we learn that Christ is always there in every situation, and is the only one who can bring us relief in all things. What comfort and hope that brings to each of us! What joy comes when we help others learn of His infinite love! I want to thank everyone in the mission for your righteous example and dedicated service. The gospel has changed my life and because of your hard, dedicated work, many more will receive these incredible blessings. You are all my family in the gospel and always will be! Christ is always with us! "Wherefore, be of good cheer, and do not fear, for I the Lord am with you, and will stand by you; and ye shall bear record of me, even Jesus Christ, that I am the Son of the living God, that I was, that I am, and that I am to come." I know that Christ lives. I know that it is so essential that we share our testimonies with others. I testify that Christ is there to pick us up and carry us. He will purify us as we come unto him, D&C 128:24. I know that God works miracles in our lives each day. I LOVE the Book of Mormon! Keep up the amazing work! This is the best mission in the world! You are all always in my prayers! Moroni 8:3 Hna Haefer



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The mission is a unique experience...the Lord gave me the privilege to serve Him and guided me to do His work...even though I have weaknesses, I am happy for that. This scripture helped me a lot in my mission...Arrepentirse, ejercer fe, producir buenas obras y orar continuamente "sin cesar"... para:  
 Conocer los misterios de Dios Que se nos revelen cosas que nunca se nos han sido reveladas  
 Y que se nos conseda traer a "1000s de almas" al arrepentimineto (evangelio). **Alma 26:22**

Se que somos guiados por profetas llamados y escogidos por Dios, que son videntes y reveladores, el profeta Gordon B. Hinckley es el profeta de estos dias... el profeta Jose Smith fue el profeta llamado por Dios para restaurar el evangelio de Jesucristo, el mismo evangelio que nuestro "Salvador Jesucristo" predico y todos los profetas de la antigüedad... se que El Libro De Mormon es otro testamento de Jesucristo...Dios es nuestro "Padre Eterno"... estamos en la verdad... tenemos

la verdad... prediquemos la verdad.

## Missionaries Quotes:

- E. Rodriguez: EL SALVADOR, Nov. 2006." Viva Mexico ca...
- E. Barragan: "Altas prendidas"... loco.
- E. Alvarado: ñaño... "como decia mi abuelo".
- E. Meade: Jennifer!!!
- E. Edwards: Edyyyyy...
- E. Honick: Lupillo... losiento soygabacho!!!
- E. Norton: Oh, Mercy !!!
- E. Vaca Carcomida: MUuuuuuuu... JEJEJE.

Sorry to all the people "I stepped on" to be better. Discualpas a todos los que "arrolle" en mi proceso de ser mejor. Thanks to: Elder and Sister Norton, you were like my grandparents that I never had, great love, great ideas, and great spirit, I love you... and also to all the mission office staff. President and Sister Moeller... thanks for everything... I'm going to remember your example... I love you! Y por supuesto a mis Padres... que les amo. El Eterno Elder Perez...